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William J. Casey
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Dear Director Casey:

I want to thank you, the agency and staff, particularly those of the Center for the Study of Intelligence, [redacted] for the hospitality they showed me and my colleagues at the recent Conference on Intelligence.

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I am pleased as a citizen and professor that the agency has apparently recovered from much of the firestorm of the 1970's. Morale seems high, interaction between DDO and DDI improved, and analysts getting abroad more and having greater say in subtasking elements of collection; all of which is to the good.

I do however come away with several worries and concerns that I would like to share with you.

First. I am concerned with the apparent overstress on "Current Intelligence" which I fear may result in a lack of historical perspective. I am however pleased that you initiated over 47% of the FY 1982 NIE's which suggests that your keeping on top of longer range trends and issues.

Second. I come away concerned that there is a hypersensitivity to the Church Committee findings and history. I think now is the time to move forward, we citizens and our students are ready, and put this past behind us.

Third. I come away MOST concerned about the current state of Counterintelligence (CI). [redacted] performance at our Conference was, in my opinion, quite unsatisfactory. He appears to believe that CI is a secondary staff function. He belittles and appears to have little use for defector operations. And he told us that "any and every Case Officer and COS can mount and handle CI operations." Director Casey, I greatly fear that the ghost of Jim Angleton has paralyzed any hard and serious discussion of CI within the Agency. As a historian you will remember that the Abwehr's attitude in the 1930's was identical to [redacted] and helped make double cross a successful as it was. The agency may not wish to return to the centralized CI of the Angleton era, but you certainly need something better than you have currently, and I would hope open discussion on CI can now take place.

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